

January 15, 1970

Walter W. Kepke

Funeral services for Walter W. Kepke, were held Sunday, January 11th, at 3:00 p. m., in the United Methodist Church with the Rev. Larry Moore officiating. Burial was in the Groton cemetery.

Music was furnished by Mrs. Robert Wegner and Robert Hood with an organ and piano duet.

Honorary pall bearers were Howard Henley, James Murray, Lawrence Rohwer, Floyd Rix, Foster Rix and Andrew Wehde.

Active pall bearers were Robert Jensen, Ivan Thompson, Lyle Thurston, Ora Schuelke, Robert Sippel and Wesley Sippel.

Walter William Kepke, son of Herman and Augusta Kepke was born Dec. 29, 1896 on the Kepke homestead in the Putney community.

He passed away at St. Luke's Hospital on January 8, at the age of 73 years. Death was due to a heart ailment, aggravated by emphysema.

He received his elementary schooling in Putney township and was graduated from NSC formerly Northern Normal and Industrial School of Aberdeen. Just before graduation, his father passed away and he returned to the farm to live with his mother. His entire life was spent on the same farm.

He married Jessie Cure in 1924 and the couple have one daughter, Mary Eleanor Kepke Davis of Everett, Wash. He was a member of the Groton United Methodist Church.

Survivors are his widow, his daughter and three grandchildren, Judy, Linda and Alan Davis; one brother, Irving Kepke, Mound, Minn.; one sister, Mrs. Adelaide Rice, Boise, Idaho; an aunt, Mrs. O. E. Ruden and many nieces and nephews.

Arrangements were in charge of Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel.

Out of town relatives attending the services were Mr. and Mrs. Irving Kepke, Mound, Minn.; Mrs. Nora Kepke, Colorado Springs, Colo.; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kepke, St. Paul, Minn.; Mr. and Mrs. Beryl Meyers, Jr., Hecla and Mrs. Mary Moak, Aberdeen.